

Westmount School Council Meeting - December 2021

Date: December 8, 2021

Location: Video Conference

Time: 7:00 pm

Chair: Baljit Singh (Absent)

Council

Vice-Chair: Roti Akinsanmi

Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey

Secretary: Thomas Chan

Communications Director: Kathy Good

Fundraising Director: Kim Anthony

Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews (Absent)

Special Events Director: Ameet Kooner

Director-at-Large: Dawn Courtman

Director-at-Large: Laura Teterenko

Administration

Superintendent: Joe Frank (Absent)

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties (Absent)

Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

Student Council representative: Jun Heo

Note: Video recording of this meeting is also available online ([link](#))

1. Opening Remarks and Approval of the Agenda

Roti Akinsanmi provided an introduction and listed out the agenda

2. Approval of minutes from October 13, 2021 School Council meeting

Motion to approve minutes: 1st Navdeep Kailey, 2nd Dawn Courtman, all in favor, none opposed, minute formally adopted

3. Student Council Report - President Jun Heo

- One of the student representatives (Noah) organized a coat drive
- Currently the students council is selling candy grams
- Upcoming week is Spirt Week. Hope to see more student engagement compared to previous years. Monday is pajama day, Tuesday is anything buy a backpack day, Wednesday is informal day Wednesday and Thursday is formal day
- Thanks to Kim for helping to coordinate the Westmount wear design contest
- Comment from Navdeep - Last newsletter was so full of activities. It's great to see.

4. Reports from Council

- a) **Parent Engagement Report - Kim Anthony presented for Ashley Wilford-Matthews**
 - **Presentation from Elder Adrian Wolfleg** - Excellent presentation from Elder Adrian Wolfleg. There was good attendance. Email council for replay link
 - Comment from Dawn - Really informative. Very serious, but also hopeful. highly recommend viewing it.
 - **Coffee Talks** - Have been schedule for the rest of the school year. Schedule will be sent out in the near-term
- b) **Treasurer's Report - Navdeep Kailey**
 - No expenses have been incurred year-to-date. Direct donations have totaled \$1,350. Current balance of \$57,475
- c) **Fundraising Report - Kim Anthony**
 - **Direct Donations** - Every year around this year we send out the direct donation letters. Thanks to Hal & Graeme for sending out a letter and illustrates where the funds are allocated to ([link to letter](#)). Allocation includes, artist in residence, supplemental classroom supplies field trip support (bussing costs are higher this year), covid support (Zoom) and enhancement of the student experience
 - **Stampeder Parking** - Stampeder parking has wrapped up for the year. There were a total of 7 games and the school raise about ~\$800 per game for a total of \$5,600
 - **Bottle Drive** - Held the first bottle drive of the year. There will be another bottle drive on January 13th. Nice thing about Skip TheDepot, is that you can get them to come to your house for pick-up. Thank Jill Foreman and all of the volunteers that help
 - **Westmount Strong T-Shirt Fundraiser** - "Westmount United" theme. Used the design from the elementary campus. Do not have a final tally on the funds raised
 - **Westmount Cookbook** - Thanked Laura Teterenko for organizing the fundraiser and everyone for contributing recipes. Have a few extra cookbooks still available

5. Principals' Reports - Mr. Hal Curties and Mr. Graeme Finley

[EC Principal's Report](#)

[Mid-High Principal's Report](#)

- Both Joe Frank and Hal Curties were not in attendance

a) **Mid-High Campus Update (in addition to Principal's Report)**

- Principal Graeme wished everyone a Happy Holidays
- Plans to have an in-person Graduation. There has been some fundraising around this
- Kim asked when the food and coat drives would be going until - Last day will be December 17th. Monetary donations can also be made
- Question around mobile vaccinations - At this point the Alberta Government is not doing mobile vaccinations

Question around whether there will be spectators at sporting events?

No. The school looked into live streaming the events, but there are FOIP and logistics issues.

6. Meeting Adjourned - 7:40pm